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TO: All County Welfare Directors

Letter No. 80-2

NATIONAL MEDICAL CARE UTILIZATION AND EXPENDITURE SURVEY (NMCUES)

This letter is written to inform you of the above subject survey that will be implemented beginning December 1979 for the year 1980.

The survey is being conducted in several states and will be sponsored by the National Center for Health Statistics and the Health Care Financing Administration of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (DHEW). The survey will be conducted by SysMETRICS Incorporated.

The purpose of the survey is to:

- A. Gather comprehensive data on health experience of U.S. civilian, noninstitutional population for year 1980; including:
 - 1. Health status.
 - 2. Utilization patterns.
 - 3. Charges for services.
 - 4. Payment sources and amount paid.
- B. Permit statistical description of health care experience of specified population segments and entire nation;
- C. Facilitate informed discussion of public programs (Medicare, Medicaid, National Health Insurance), analysis of DHEW cost containment efforts, assessment of access to health care systems, and analysis of alternate policies; and
- D. Expand/update previous National Medical Care Expenditure Survey.

SysMETRICS will draw a statistically valid sample of 1,000 Medi-Cal cases statewide. The individuals/families will be contacted and asked to participate in the survey. The participation is voluntary and all findings are strictly confidential and will be used only to prepare statistical summaries and for health services research.

Counties will not be asked to participate in the survey, however, this letter may be of assistance should questions from Medi-Cal beneficiaries arise.

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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact your Medi-Cal field representative.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Doris Z. Soderberg, Chief
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons
Medi-Cal Field Representatives